



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/432,334	11/02/1999	RONALD A. GUIDOTTI	98-2069	9910

23413 7590 10/31/2003

CANTOR COLBURN, LLP
55 GRIFFIN ROAD SOUTH
BLOOMFIELD, CT 06002

EXAMINER

MAPLES, JOHN S

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

1745

DATE MAILED: 10/31/2003

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 003
---------------------------------	-------------	---------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------

EXAMINER

ART UNIT

PAPER

30

DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

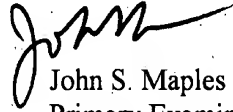
Commissioner for Patents

The reply filed on August 1, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omissions or matters: both claims 21 and 26 require amendment. In claim 1, the first word "A" should be replaced by "An" and in claim 26, the word "method" should read "electrode" so that the claims conform with the way they were previously presented. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John S. Maples whose telephone number is 703-308-1795. The examiner can normally be reached on 703-308-1795 from 6:15 to 3:45 on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan, can be reached on (703) 308-2383. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.


John S. Maples
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 1745

JSM/10-30-2003